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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Paul V. Cooper

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COUPLINGS FOR MOLTEN METAL DEVICE

## **RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Commissioner:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office action dated March 20, 2006, and requests the Examiner to continue examination in view of the Amendments and Remarks beginning on pages 2 and 5, respectively. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions to extend by three months the time to respond to the Office action up to and including September 20, 2006 and encloses the required petition fee.

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